IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA CHARLOTTE DIVISION CIVIL ACTION NO. 3:19-CV-619-RJC-DCK

ALINA ROJEA,)
Plaintiff,)
v.) ORDER
BRIAN CREGGER, SANDI SMITH, KAY)
VENKATRAJAN, and USI INSURANCE)
SERVICES,)
Defendants.)

THIS MATTER IS BEFORE THE COURT on the "USI Insurance Services' Motion To Seal" (Document No. 15) filed March 26, 2020. This motion has been referred to the undersigned Magistrate Judge pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 636(b), and immediate review is appropriate. Having carefully considered the motion and the record, the undersigned will grant the motion.

A party who seeks to seal any pleading must comply with the Local Rules of this Court. Local Civil Rule("LCvR") 6.1 provides in relevant part as follows:

LCvR. 6.1 SEALED FILINGS AND PUBLIC ACCESS.

- (a) Scope of Rule. To further openness in civil case proceedings, there is a presumption under applicable common law and the First Amendment that materials filed in this Court will be filed unsealed. This Rule governs any party's request to seal, or otherwise restrict public access to, any materials filed with the Court or used in connection with judicial decision- making. As used in this Rule, "materials" includes pleadings and documents of any nature and in any medium or format.
- **(b)** Filing under Seal. No materials may be filed under seal except by Court order, pursuant to a statute, or in accordance with a

previously entered Rule 26(e) protective order.

(c) Motion to Seal or Otherwise Restrict Public Access. A party's request to file materials under seal must be made by formal motion, separate from the motion or other pleading sought to be sealed, pursuant to LCvR 7.1. Such motion must be filed electronically under the designation "Motion to Seal." The motion

must set forth:

(1) A non-confidential description of the

material sought to be sealed;

(2) A statement indicating why sealing is necessary and why there are no alternatives to filing

under seal;

(3) Unless permanent sealing is sought, a statement indicating how long the party seeks to have the material maintained under seal and how the

matter is to be handled upon unsealing; and

(4) Supporting statutes, case law, or other

authority.

Local Rule 6.1. It appears that the requirements of Local Rule 6.1(c)(1) through (4) have been

met.

Having considered the factors provided in Local Rule 6.1(c), the Court will grant the

motion to seal. Noting that the time for pro se Plaintiff and the public to file a response has not

run for this motion, the Court will consider any objection to this Order as an objection to the

motion, requiring no additional burden under the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. See Local

Rule 6.1(e).

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED that "USI Insurance Services' Motion To Seal"

(Document No. 15) is GRANTED. The Clerk of Court is directed to SEAL Document No. 1,

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Signed: March 30, 2020

David C. Keesler

United States Magistrate Judge